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SUBJECT: TRADE COMMITTEE WORKING PARTY MEETING,
NOVEMBER 5-6

REF: (A) STATE 237057; (B) TD/4925

1. TCWP NOVEMBER 5-6 WILL CONSIDER FOLLOWING:

A. COMMODITIES (NOV. 5). REF: TFD/TD/809 AND
TFD/TD/810, DRAFT REPORT TO TC.

B. EXPORT CONTROLS (NOV. 6). REF: TFD/TD/801 (1ST
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C. PREPARATION FOR 41ST SESSION OF TC (PROBABLY
NOVEMBER 5).

2. SECRETARIAT SUGGESTS AQENDA FOR TC (SCHED-
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ULED FOR NOVEMBER 27-28) INCLUDE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

A. COMMODITIES: REPORT OF TCWP; INFORMATION ON PREPARATIONS FOR FORTHCOMING MEETING OF THE UNCTAD COMMITTEE ON COMMODITIES;

E. POLICIES AND PRACTICES IN RELATION TO STOCKS AND MEDIUM-TERM CONTRACTS FOR WHEAT, COARSE GRAINS AND HIGH PORTEIN PROTEIN FEEDS: REPORT BY THE JOINT WORKING PARTY;

C. EXPORT CONTROL MEASURES;

D. OTHER ACTIVITIES--WORK IN PROGRESS ON GOVERNMENT PURCHASING, EXPORT CREDITS AND GUARANTEES, INTERNAL POLICIES, NEW ZEALAND TRADE POLICY, GSP.

3. DOCUMENTS TD/4925 (OCT. 29) AND TFD/TD/810 (OCT. 28) POUCHED OCTOBER 31 DIRECTLY TO EUR/RPE, HARDING (REGISTRY NO. 396034) AND EB/ITP/OT, GEWECKE (REGISTRY NO. 396033). OTHER DOCUMENTS POUCHED EARLIER AND/OR HAND-CARRIED BY HARDING.

4. TCWP MAY ALSO CONSIDER PROPOSAL REFTTEL FOR POSTPONING TC MEETING TO EARLY JANUARY. INITIAL SECRETARIAT REACTION NEGATIVE. SECRETARIAT RESPONSE TO US VIEWS IS THAT: (A) TC/WP UNABLE PROCEED FURTHER WITHOUT NEW GUIDANCE ON COMMODITIES AND EXPORT CONTROLS, (H) TC SUBJECT MATTER WILL OVERLAP LITTLE IF AT ALL WITH GATT CP'S AND XCSS, (C) SECRETARIAT HAS SUGGESTED (IN TFD/TD/8L0) THAT TCWP (RATHER THAN TC) EXAMINE PROPOSALS FOR /UNCTAD COMMODITIES COMMITTEE IN TWO SPECIAL MEETINGS, ONE IN DECEMBER AND ONE IN JANUARY, AND (D) UNLESS TC/WP NOVEMBER 5-6 MAKES RADICAL CHANGES IN DOCUMENTS, SECRETARIAT WILL DISTRIBUTE DOCUMENTATION FOR TC AT LEAST TWO WEEKS BEFORE NOVEMBER 27. INITIAL VIEW OF TC CHAIRMAN HERMES (THROUGH GERMAN DELEGATION) IS AGAINST POSTPONEMENT, BUT WE ARE PURSUING OUESTION FURTHER WITH GERMANS AND OTHER KEY DELEGATIONS.

5. REQUEST INSTRUCTIONS FOR NOVEMBER 5-6 MEETING.
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